

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organises a wide range of recreation and sports programmes with a view to developing a strong sporting culture in Hong Kong and promoting "Sport for All". In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What are the LCSD's plans and programmes to promote community sports this year? What is the estimated expenditure? What are the details of the plans?
- (b) Please provide in the table below details of the district-based activities organised by the LCSD in the past year.

2020-21				
	Number of activities	Expenditure	Number of participants	
			Local	Non-local
Sports training courses				
Sports competitions				

- (c) Please provide in the table below details of the sports and recreation programmes and activities organised by the LCSD in the past year.

2020-21			
Activity	Expenditure	Number of participants	
		Local	Non-local

- (d) Please provide in the table below details of the district-based activities to be organised by the LCSD this year.

2021-22				
	Number of activities	Estimated expenditure	Expected number of participants	
			Local	Non-local
Sports training courses				
Sports competitions				

- (e) Please provide in the table below details of the sports and recreation programmes and activities to be organised by the LCSD this year.

2021-22			
Activity	Estimated expenditure	Expected number of participants	
		Local	Non-local

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 35)

Reply:

- (a) To promote sports in the community, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) plans to organise about 32 000 programmes for some 2.12 million participants in 2021-22 at an estimated cost of \$170 million. These programmes include district-based activities such as sports training courses, recreational activities and competitions, as well as the School Sports Programme, Sport For All Day (SFAD), and events such as the Hong Kong Games (HKG). To encourage more people to exercise regularly, the LCSD will continue to provide programmes to meet the needs of specific target groups, including programmes designated for persons with disabilities; activities suitable for participation by parents and children together such as parent-child training programmes in badminton, social dance, orienteering and ultimate; programmes targeting at young people such as track cycling, sailing, canoeing and long distance run; and less physically demanding activities such as dance, body-mind stretch, and fitness walking for the physically less active population.
- (b) & (d) Details of district-based activities organised in 2020-21 and planned to be organised in 2021-22 by the LCSD respectively are listed below:

	Number of activities organised		Expenditure (\$ million)		Number of participants ⁽¹⁾	
	2020-21 ⁽²⁾	2021-22 ⁽³⁾ (Estimate)	2020-21 ⁽²⁾	2021-22 ⁽³⁾ (Estimate)	2020-21 ⁽²⁾	2021-22 ⁽³⁾ (Estimate)
Sports training courses and recreational activities	5 415	20 497	37.3	96.2	133 728	1 255 452
Sports competitions	0	276	0	16.8	0	91 222

Notes

- (1) The LCSD does not maintain records on the resident status of the participants in its programmes and activities.
- (2) Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, relatively fewer activities were held in 2020-21 leading to lower expenditure and fewer participants.
- (3) The final number of activities organised, expenditures and number of participants may differ from the estimates due to the COVID-19 pandemic and other factors.
- (c) & (e) Details of other sports and recreation programmes organised in 2020-21 and planned to be organised in 2021-22 by the LCSD respectively are listed below:

Programme/Event	Expenditure (\$ million)		Number of participants ⁽⁴⁾	
	2020-21 ⁽⁵⁾	2021-22 ⁽⁶⁾ (Estimate)	2020-21 ⁽⁵⁾	2021-22 ⁽⁶⁾ (Estimate)
School Sports Programme	8.91	35.50	248 990	639 000
Hong Kong Games ⁽⁷⁾	4.61	13.23	4 141	9 570
Corporate Games 2020 ⁽⁸⁾	0.42	0	0	0
Masters Games 2020 ⁽⁸⁾	0.07	0	0	0
Sport For All Day ⁽⁹⁾	2.17	4.91	15 910 (Number of viewers online on the event day)	129 500

Notes

- (4) The LCSD does not maintain records on the resident status of the participants in its programmes and activities.
- (5) There were relatively lower expenditure and fewer participants in 2020-21 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- (6) The final expenditures and number of participants may differ from the estimates due to the COVID-19 pandemic and other factors.
- (7) The Hong Kong Games (HKG) is a biennial event. The 8th HKG scheduled for 2020 and 2021 will be postponed for a year to 2021 and 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Most of the sports competitions and community participation programmes scheduled for 2020 will be held in 2021.
- (8) The Corporate Games and the Masters Games are biennial events. The Corporate Games 2020 was originally scheduled to be held from April to November 2020 whereas the Masters Games 2020 to be held from June to December 2020. Despite the cancellation of both events due to the COVID-19 pandemic, non-reimbursable expenditures incurred at the preparation stage, including part-time staff remuneration, publicity campaign, competition equipment and other miscellaneous expenditures, had to be borne by the LCSD.

- (9) To tie in with the Government's overall anti-epidemic measures, the activities of SFAD originally scheduled on 2 August 2020 were replaced by a new series of physical fitness exercise demonstration videos online. The videos were available on the SFAD dedicated website and at the Online Resources Centre of the LCSD to publicise the message of SFAD as well as encourage people to exercise while staying home during the pandemic.

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